

The Honorable John H. Chun

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

KIM SNELL,

Plaintiff,

V.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON;
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH
SERVICES, JUDITH A. FITZGERALD and
UNA J. WILEY

Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-cv-06028-JHC

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART
AND DENYING IN PART
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO
COMPEL DISCOVERY**

THIS MATTER, having come on regularly before the undersigned Judge in the above entitled court upon the Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery (Dkt. # 19), and the Court having reviewed the following documents in connection with this motion:

1. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery to DSHS;
 2. Declaration of Richard H. Wooster in Support of Plaintiff's Motion to Compel;
 3. Defendants' Response to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel;

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- 1 4. Declaration of Michelle Hansen in Support of Defendants' Response in Opposition
- 2 to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery to DSHS and Exhibits A and B attached
- 3 thereto;
- 4 5. Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel;
- 5 6. Declaration of Richard Wooster in Support of Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants'
- 6 Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel; and
- 7 7. Declaration of Devin Epp in Support of Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants' Opposition
- 8 to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel,

9 And the Court having reviewed all relevant and admissible pleadings and documents on
10 file in this matter, and heard Oral Argument on November 10, 2022.

11 During oral argument it was acknowledged that Defendant had produced a new set of
12 responsive Answers to Interrogatories and Request for Production at 3:07 p.m. that Plaintiff had
13 not had the opportunity to fully review. The Parties also allowed for changes to the case
14 schedule that are the subject of a separate order to allow completion of discovery.

15 However, some issues needed to be addressed by the Court and it is hereby ORDERED,
16 ADJUDGED and DECREED that Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery is granted in part as
17 follows:

18 **Witness Identity:** Defendants shall provide, within 7 days of the date of this Order, subject to
19 the protections in the Court approved Protective Order, full and complete information on the
20 Identity of witnesses identified to date, including home addresses and telephone numbers to the
21 extent such information is available to Defendants, with the acknowledgement that contact
22 information related to former DSHS employees may take longer to determine and produce.

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1 “Identity” information on witnesses identified in Defendants’ discovery. Identity means:

2 Where the Interrogatories request the identification of persons, state: (a) full
3 name, (b) last known home address and present business address, (c) present
4 telephone number, (d) present business affiliation, (e) present title and duties, and
5 (f) affiliation, title, and duties as of the time the information being sought by the
6 particular Interrogatory was current.

7 **Additional Information, if any, Regarding Identity of and Discipline Imposed on**
8 **Employees of DSHS who Released Protected Health Information or Information Protected**
9 **Under HIPPA Pursuant to Plaintiff’s Interrogatory Number 15 and Request for**
10 **Production Number 22.** Defendant shall fully provide this information to the Plaintiff on or
11 before, November 25, 2022.

13 The Court Denies, without prejudice, the remainder of Plaintiff’s Motion to Compel including
14 the request for information regarding the Identity of reports of financial performance of the
15 Office of Financial Recovery (“OFR”) in 2019; and the Request for Production No. 8 requesting
16 the production of such reports from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

17 The Court Denies Plaintiff’s Request for Plaintiff’s reasonable attorney’s fees associated
18 with bringing the motion to compel.

19 DATED this 14th day of November, 2022.

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22 THE HONORABLE JOHN H. CHUN

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